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The Rivers and Ancient Empires of China and India

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A

alluvial soils

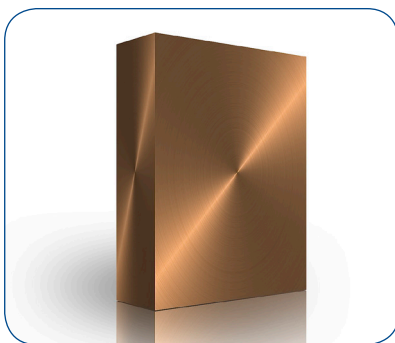
Material deposited by a stream or by running water.



B

bronze

A yellowish-brown metal that is made by mixing copper and tin.

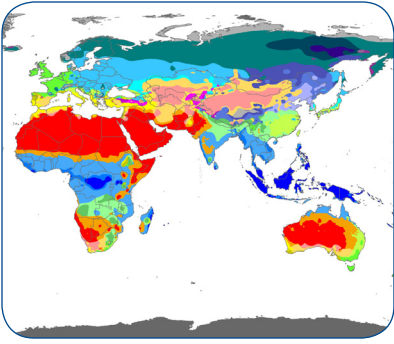


C

caste

A social class based on hereditary or marital status.





climate

The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.



crop

A type of plant, or the seasonal production of plants, grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.



dredging

Removing sand, silt, or mud from the bottom of a body of water.

dynasty

A sequence of rulers from the same family or group.



E

ecosystem goods

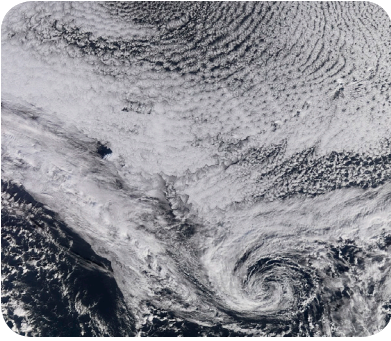
Materials, such as timber and water, produced by natural systems, that are used by humans.



ecosystem services

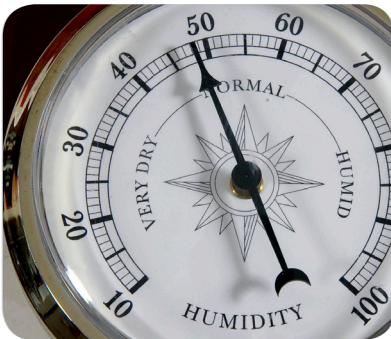
Processes that take place in nature, such as pollination, that support or produce things that help sustain human life, economies, and cultures.





high pressure

A condition in which the atmospheric pressure of a mass of air is greater than that of the surrounding air.



humidity

The amount of water vapor in the air.



irrigation

A system that provides water to land through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.

J

jet stream

A fast corridor of air flowing 20,000 feet to 30,000 feet (6,096 meters to 9,144 meters) above Earth.



L

levee

A raised bank beside a river, formed naturally, or built to control flooding.



M

monsoon

A seasonal wind that brings heavy rains and flooding.





nomad

A member of a tribal people with no permanent home, who travels to find food, pasture, and water for livestock.

N



oracle

A person who divines the future.

O



plateau

A large, flat area of land that is higher than the surrounding land.

P

S

surplus

The amount of goods above the amount needed to meet one's own needs.



T

tectonic plate

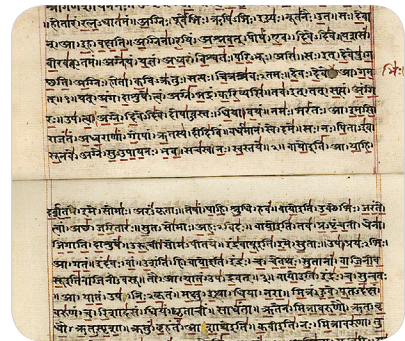
A massive piece of solid rock that “drifts” on the surface of Earth’s crust.



V

Vedas

The most ancient of Sanskrit literature and Hindu scriptures, comprised of hymns to various deities.



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